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*The story so far...*

Hana, along with her sister Mayu, have struggled to survive up to this point. Growing up on their own, the pair have begun to drift in opposite paths in their adult lives. However, following the murder of their loved one, Li, they discovered their connection would forever be intertwined--as Mayu's attempted robbery has made them the perfect target for blackmail from a powerful businessman, and his accomplice within the Police Force...

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I'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE  
MANY TIMES IN MY LIFE.  
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY  
I STARTED EARLY.

GET BACK  
HERE!!!

I'LL  
CUT YOUR  
HANDS OFF--  
TEACH YOU TO  
STEAL FROM  
ME!!!

NNNH!

BUT, NOT FAST ENOUGH.

I DON'T  
THINK SO!

AHH!

WHACK

I WAS JUST A FOOLISH CHILD,  
BUT I WAS CERTAINLY FAST...

HANA--  
GET OUT HERE,  
NOW!

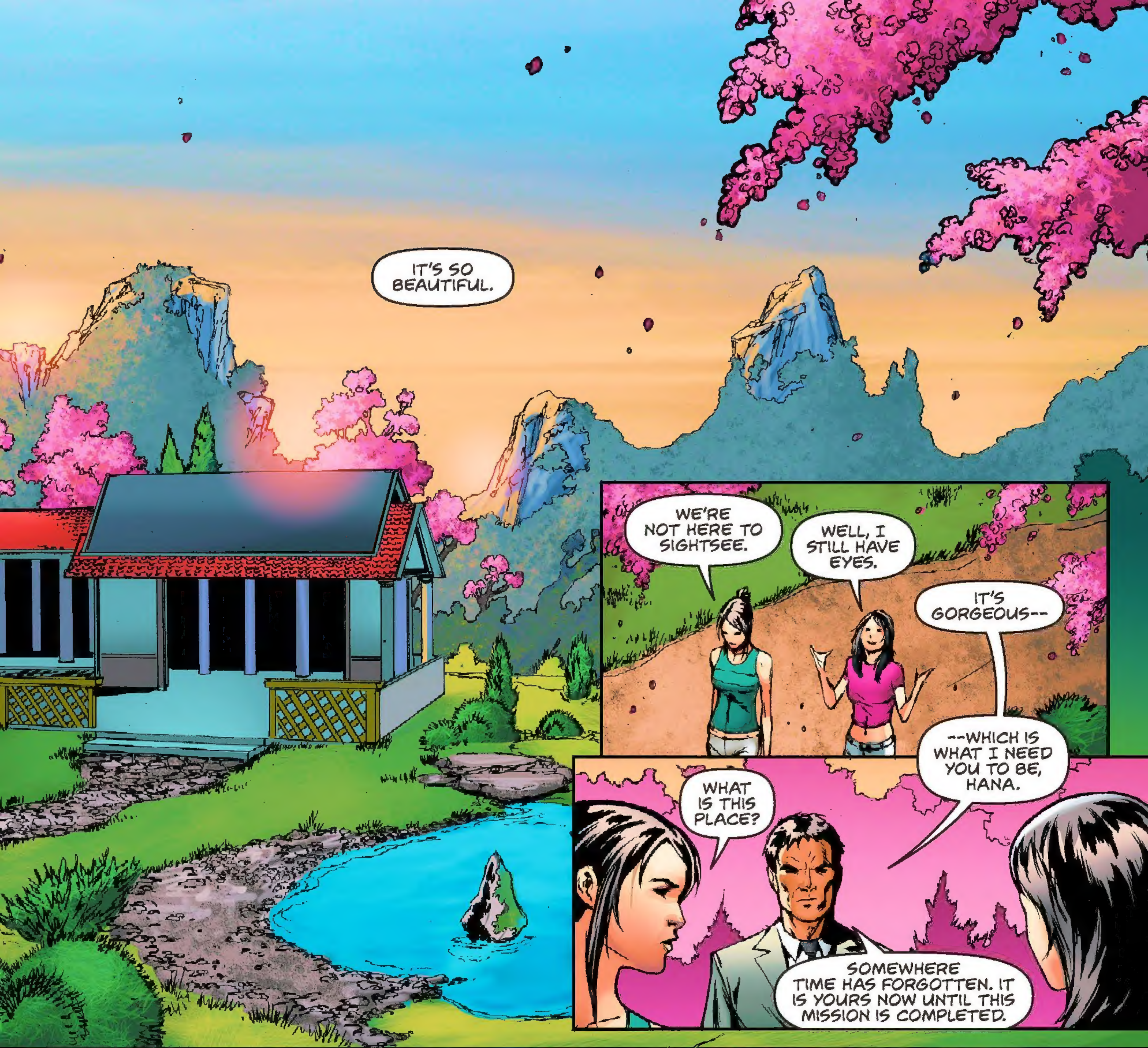
MY KNEE!

MAYU IS MY BIG  
SISTER-- AND HAS ALWAYS  
PROTECTED ME...









IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.



WE'RE NOT HERE TO SIGHTSEE.

WELL, I STILL HAVE EYES.

IT'S GORGEOUS--

--WHICH IS WHAT I NEED YOU TO BE, HANA.



WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

SOMEWHERE TIME HAS FORGOTTEN. IT IS YOURS NOW UNTIL THIS MISSION IS COMPLETED.



YOU KNOW RENSHU, FOR A CORPORATE BUSINESSMAN, YOU SURE SEEM TO PLAY THE PART OF SOMETHING MORE... DANGEROUS.



YOU WILL COME TO FIND OUT DANGER AND BUSINESS ARE ONE AND THE SAME.



SO, THAT'S YOUR ANGLE-- YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT LI-- OR US, ONLY YOUR BOTTOM LINE?

MAYU--

MOST OF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE--



--BUT, IF YOU EVER QUESTION MY LOYALTY TO LI, I WILL MAKE CERTAIN IT IS THE LAST THING YOU EVER SPEAK.

CHUN...





CHUN WILL BE REPORTING TO ME-- MAYU, I HEAR YOU TWO HAVE ALREADY BECOME ACQUAINTED.



RAT BITCH! YOU THINK I'M GOING TO TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU?!

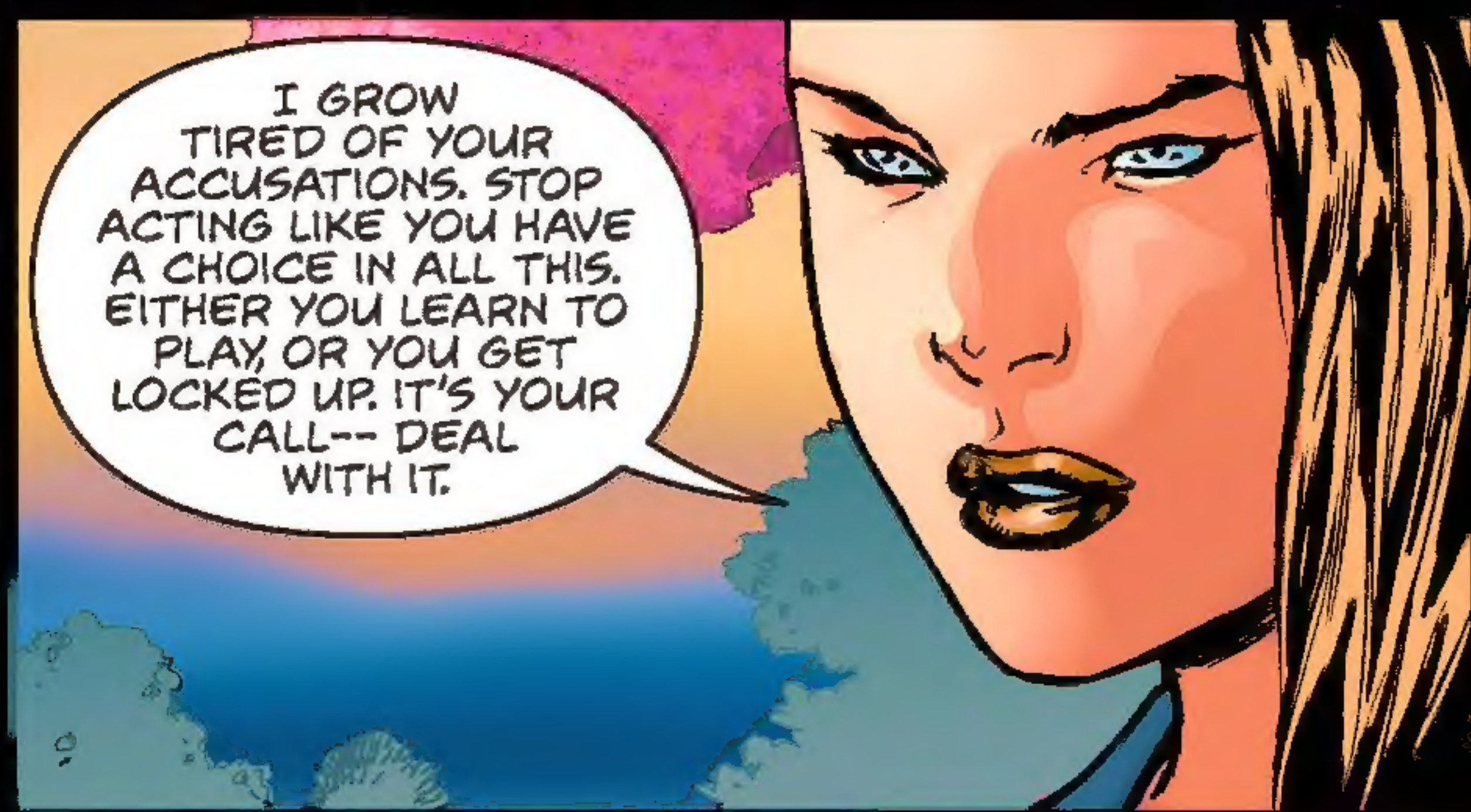
MAYU!

I WAS DOING MY JOB. IF YOU EVER HAD ONE YOU WOULD KNOW THAT IT REQUIRES DUE DILIGENCE.

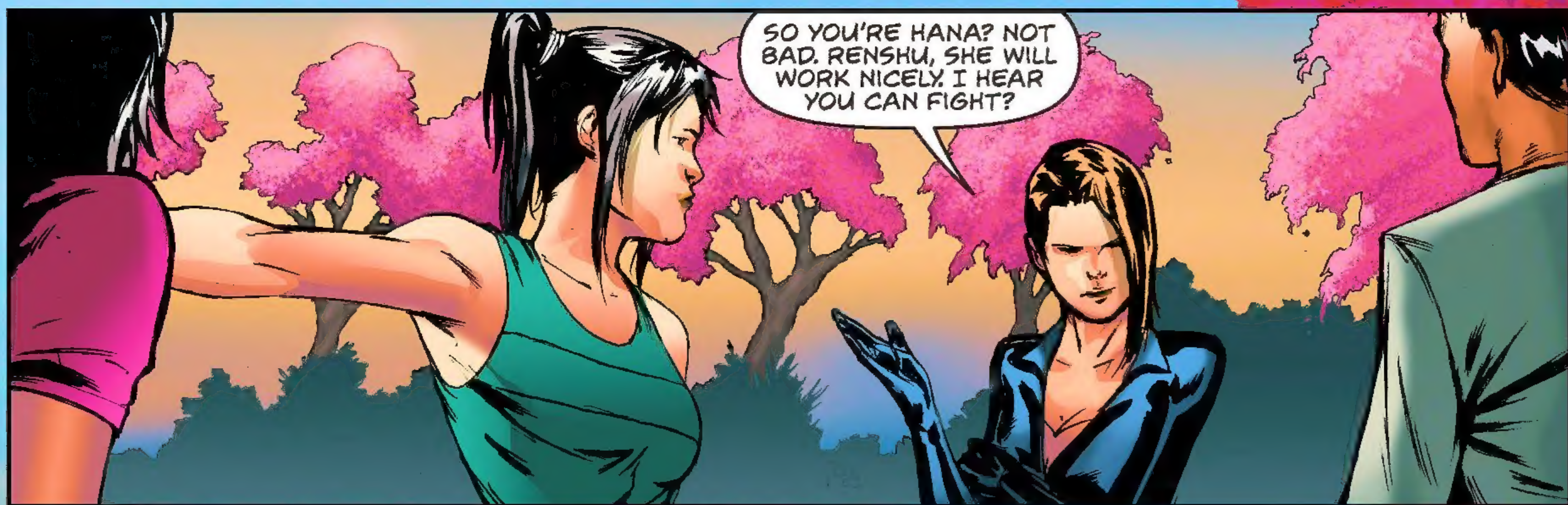


MAYU-- WOULD YOU STOP FOR A SECOND?!

SHE'S THE REASON WE'RE IN THIS SITUATION! SHE RATTED US OUT!



I GROW TIRED OF YOUR ACCUSATIONS. STOP ACTING LIKE YOU HAVE A CHOICE IN ALL THIS. EITHER YOU LEARN TO PLAY, OR YOU GET LOCKED UP. IT'S YOUR CALL-- DEAL WITH IT.



SO YOU'RE HANA? NOT BAD. RENSHU, SHE WILL WORK NICELY. I HEAR YOU CAN FIGHT?



DEPENDS ON THE PRIZE.



THE PRIZE IS YOUR LIVES. LISTEN TO CHUN. SHE WILL GIVE YOU THE DIRECTIVE.

NOTHING WAS EVER THE SAME AGAIN...



QINGHAI,  
CHINA.  
THEN.

...THAT DAY WAS THE  
END AND THE BEGINNING OF  
OUR LIVES. WE WERE STILL TOO  
YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND THE  
RAMIFICATIONS...

...BUT, WE  
KNEW WE WERE  
NOW ALONE.

MAYU BECAME MORE  
THAN MY SISTER AFTER  
THAT-- SHE BECAME  
MY EVERYTHING.

SHE FORCED  
ME TO EDUCATE  
MYSELF.

HOW MAYU MADE ENDS MEET FOR THE TWO  
OF US DURING THAT TIME, I WILL NEVER KNOW.  
OR MOSTLY-- I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

YET, WE ALWAYS  
HAD EACH OTHER.





ALWAYS,  
EACH OTHER.

YOUR  
SISTER IS  
FOOLISH.

FOR  
TRUSTING  
YOU?

FOR  
GETTING YOU  
IN THIS PRECA-  
MENT. BELIEVE ME, I  
DON'T ENVY HAVING  
TO FORCE YOU GIRLS  
TO DO SOMETHING  
AGAINST YOUR  
WILL.

BUT,  
YOU WILL  
ANYWAY.

IT'S NOT  
A MATTER OF  
MY MORALS. THIS IS  
MUCH BIGGER  
THAN ME...



THIS CITY...  
IS OVERRUN WITH CORRUPTION.  
BUSINESSMEN LIKE ZHOU KANG THINK  
THEY CAN BUY ANYTHING WITH THEIR  
INFLUENCE. POLICE. CRIMINALS. IT  
DOESN'T MATTER TO THEM THE  
COLLATERAL DAMAGE.

WE ARE THAT  
COLLATERAL DAMAGE.  
YOU. ME. OUR LIVES ARE THE  
ONES FOREVER RUINED. YOU THINK  
I'M MUCH DIFFERENT FROM YOU,  
BUT WE ARE NOT THAT FAR  
APART. I HAVE EXPERIENCED  
TRAGEDY FIRSTHAND...

...MUCH  
LIKE YOU.

I HIGHLY  
DOUBT  
THAT.

AND HOW IS WHAT YOU ARE  
DOING TO US ANY DIFFERENT?  
YOUR MORALITY IS CONVENIENT  
TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS.

...YES...  
YOU MAY BE  
CORRECT. BUT, I  
AM NOT FOOLISH  
ENOUGH TO GET  
CAUGHT.

BELIEVE WHAT  
YOU WILL. BUT, KNOW  
THAT I GROW TIRED OF  
SEEING HONEST PEOPLE  
SACRIFICED UNDER  
THE SHADOW OF  
POWERFUL MEN.





IS THAT HIS FAMILY? *GREAT*, THIS JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.

KANG HAS A FAMILY, YES I'M *SURE* THIS COMES AS A SHOCK TO YOU. MOST MEN GENERALLY DO.



KEEP UP THE SARCASM. REMEMBER, THERE'S STILL TWO OF US RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

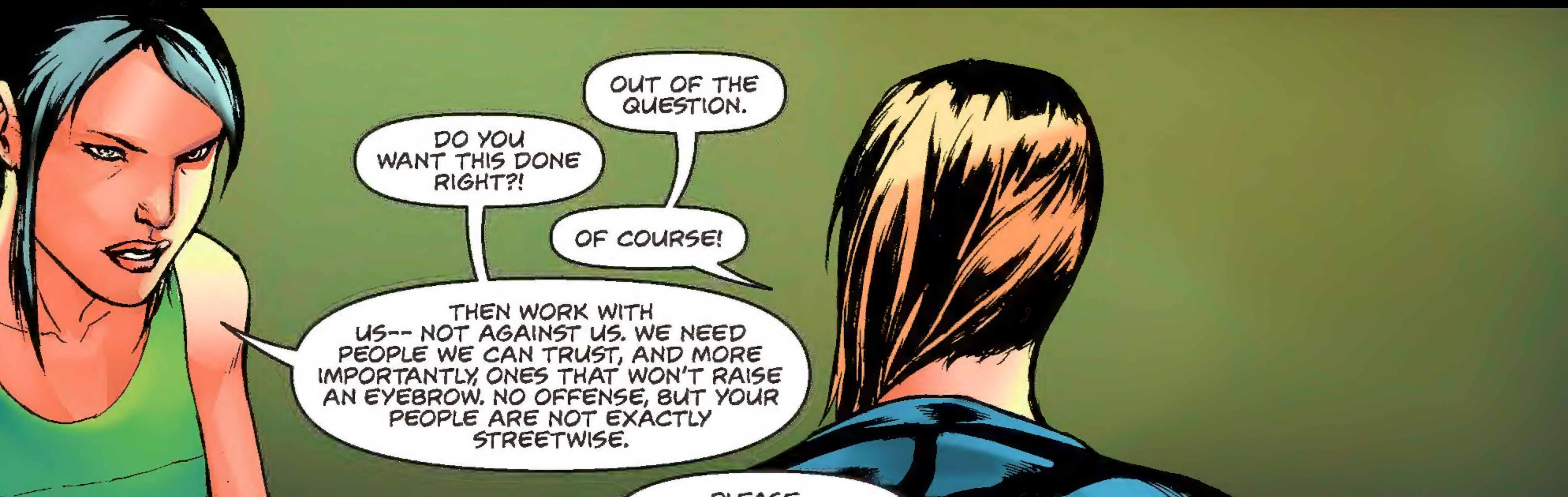
THREATEN ME AGAIN AND THERE WILL ONLY BE TWO OF US IN THE ROOM AFTER I'M THROUGH WITH YOU.



ENOUGH! MAYU-- SHUT UP! CHUN-- YOU AS WELL.



YOU BOTH BRING UP A GOOD POINT THOUGH...  
...THIS IS GOING TO REQUIRE HELP.



DO YOU WANT THIS DONE RIGHT?!

OUT OF THE QUESTION.

OF COURSE!

THEN WORK WITH US-- NOT AGAINST US. WE NEED PEOPLE WE CAN TRUST, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, ONES THAT WON'T RAISE AN EYEBROW. NO OFFENSE, BUT YOUR PEOPLE ARE NOT EXACTLY STREETWISE.



PLEASE... WE CAN'T DO THIS UNLESS YOU GIVE US SOMETHING... ANYTHING.

...  
HOW MANY DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?





WELL, IF THIS ISN'T THE SADDEST GROUP I'VE EVER SEEN.



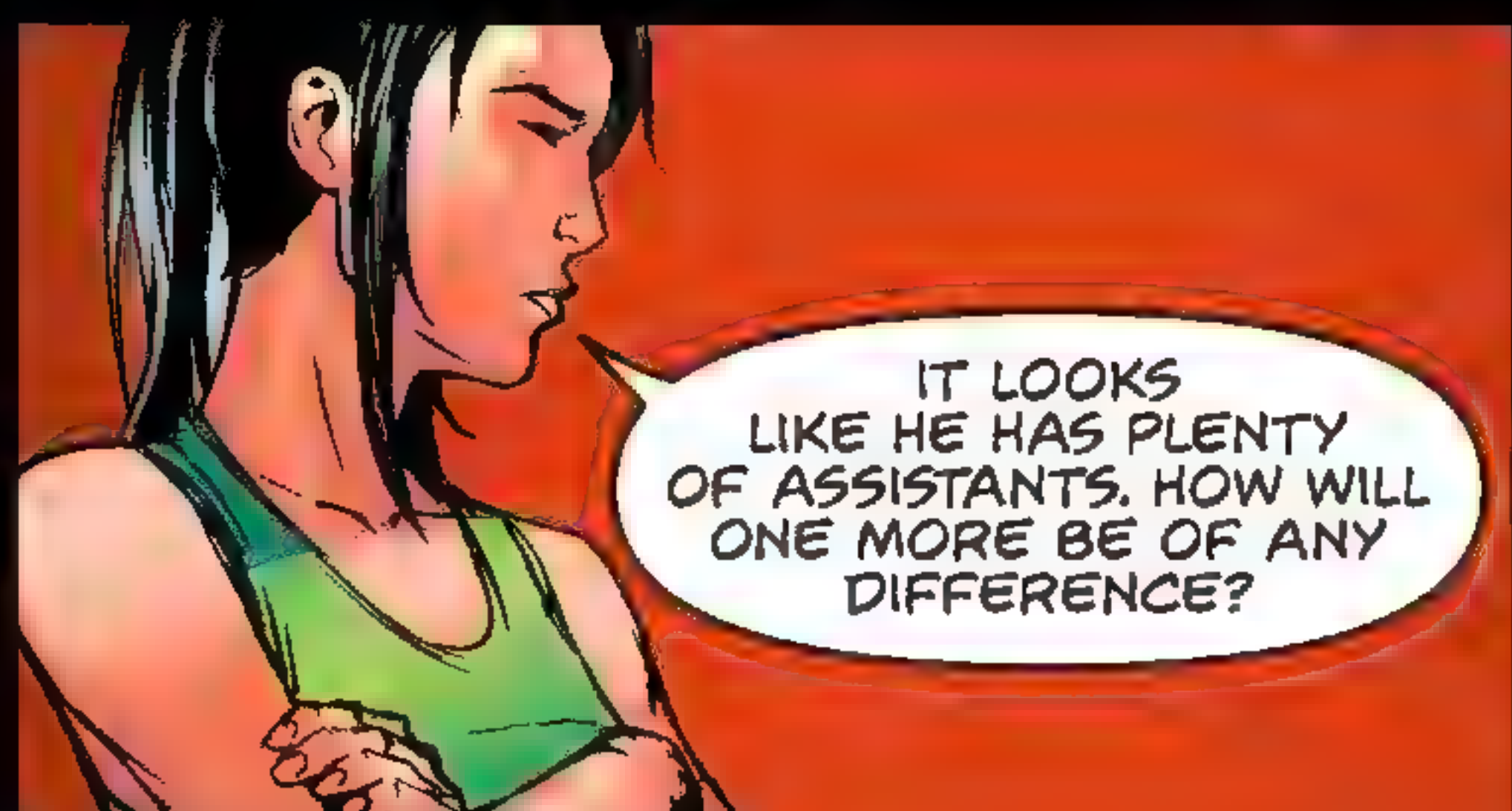
YOU HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I'VE MENTORED EACH OF THESE GIRLS MYSELF. I TRUST THEM WITH MY LIFE. THEY HAVE NO STAKE IN THIS FIGHT AND STILL THEY AGREED, FOR MY SAKE.

YOU BRING ME GYM RATS...

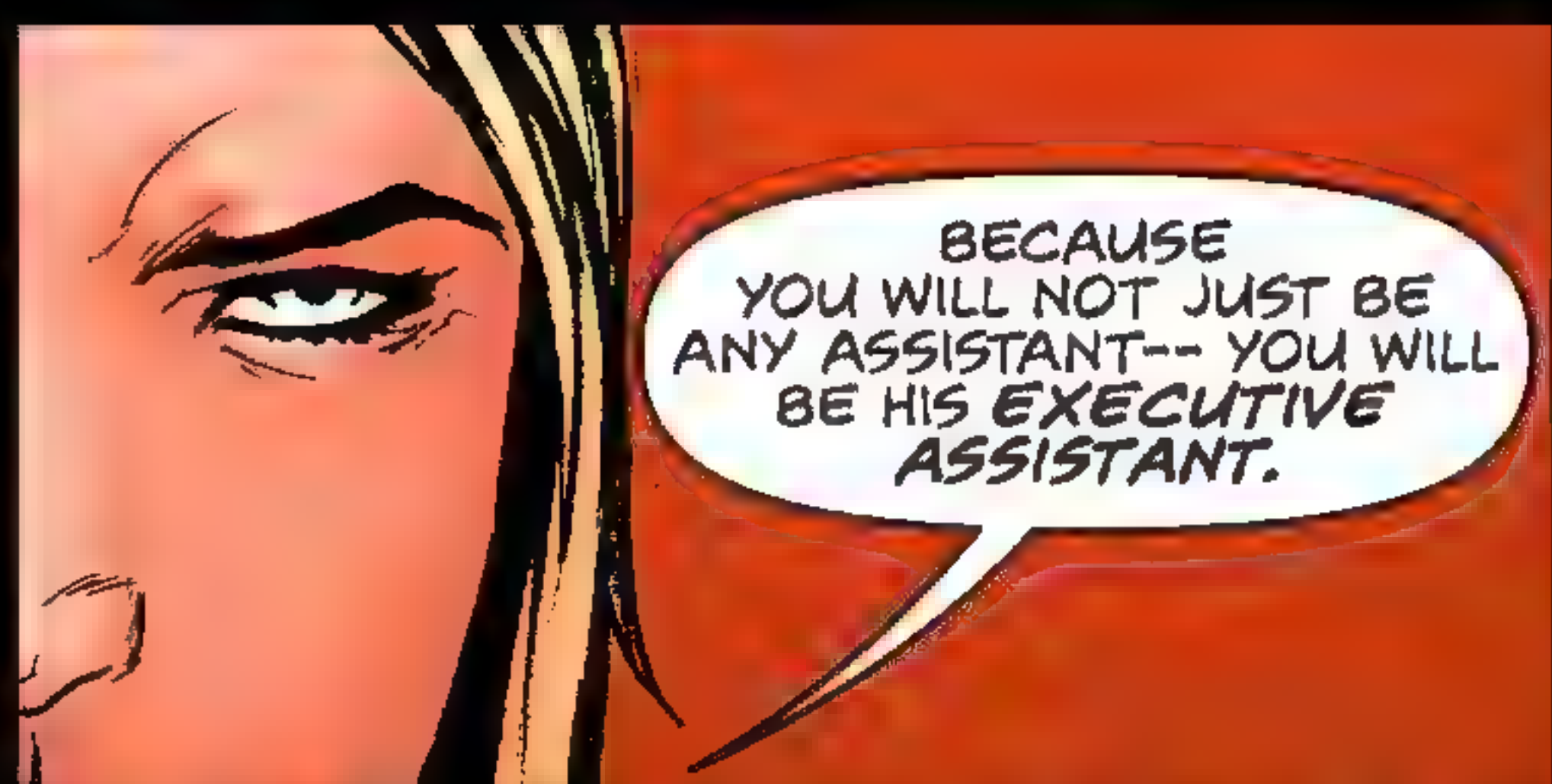


...BETTER HOPE YOUR TRUST IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

OKAY, THEN, LADIES THIS IS THE TARGET. HANA WILL RUN POINT AS HIS ASSISTANT.



IT LOOKS LIKE HE HAS PLENTY OF ASSISTANTS. HOW WILL ONE MORE BE OF ANY DIFFERENCE?



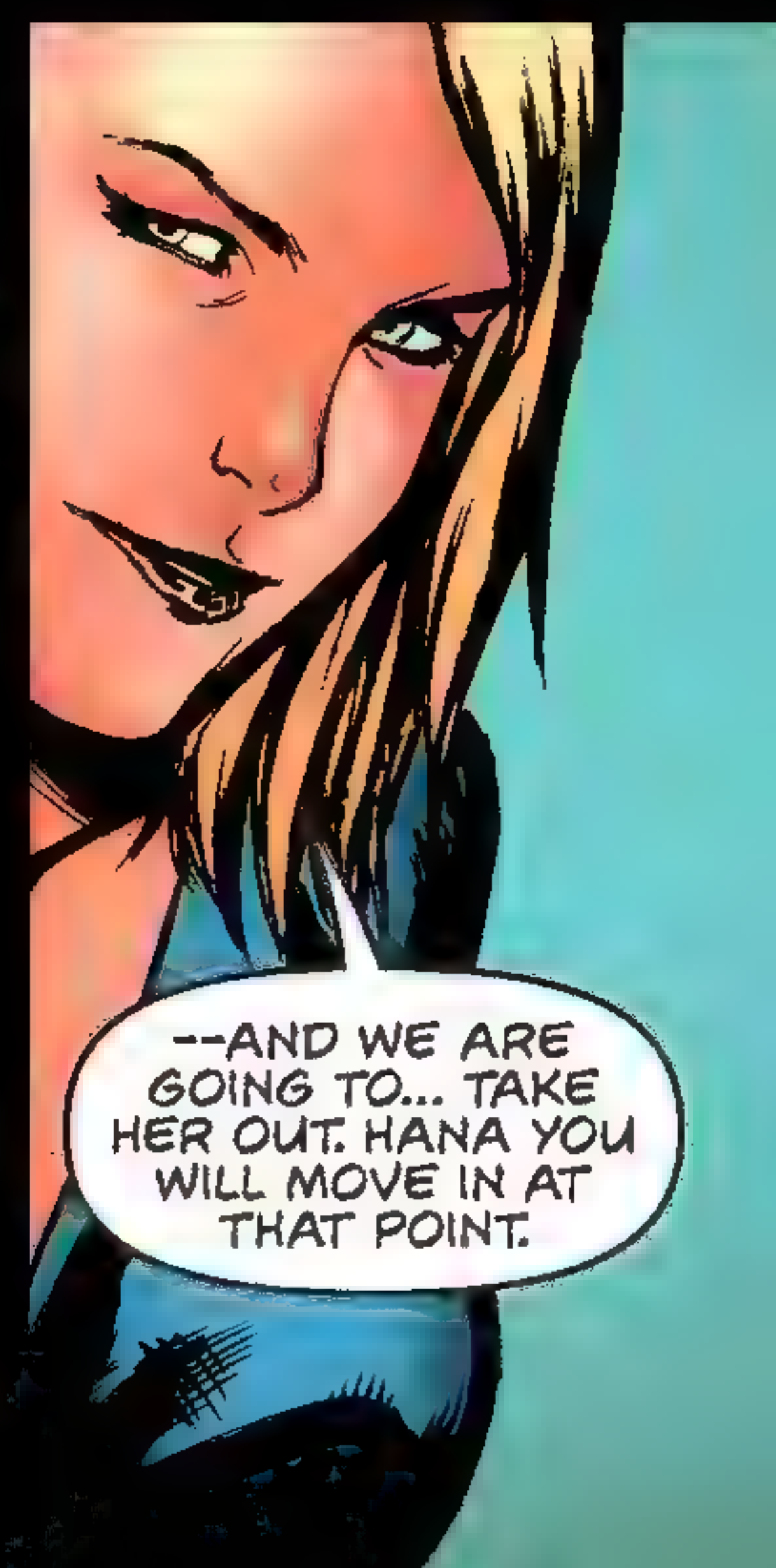
BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT JUST BE ANY ASSISTANT-- YOU WILL BE HIS **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**.



LIKE MOST MEN, CHUN FANCIES HIMSELF A BRILLIANT ADULTERER. BY THAT, I MEAN HE THINKS THE WIFE IS NONE THE WISER TO HIS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

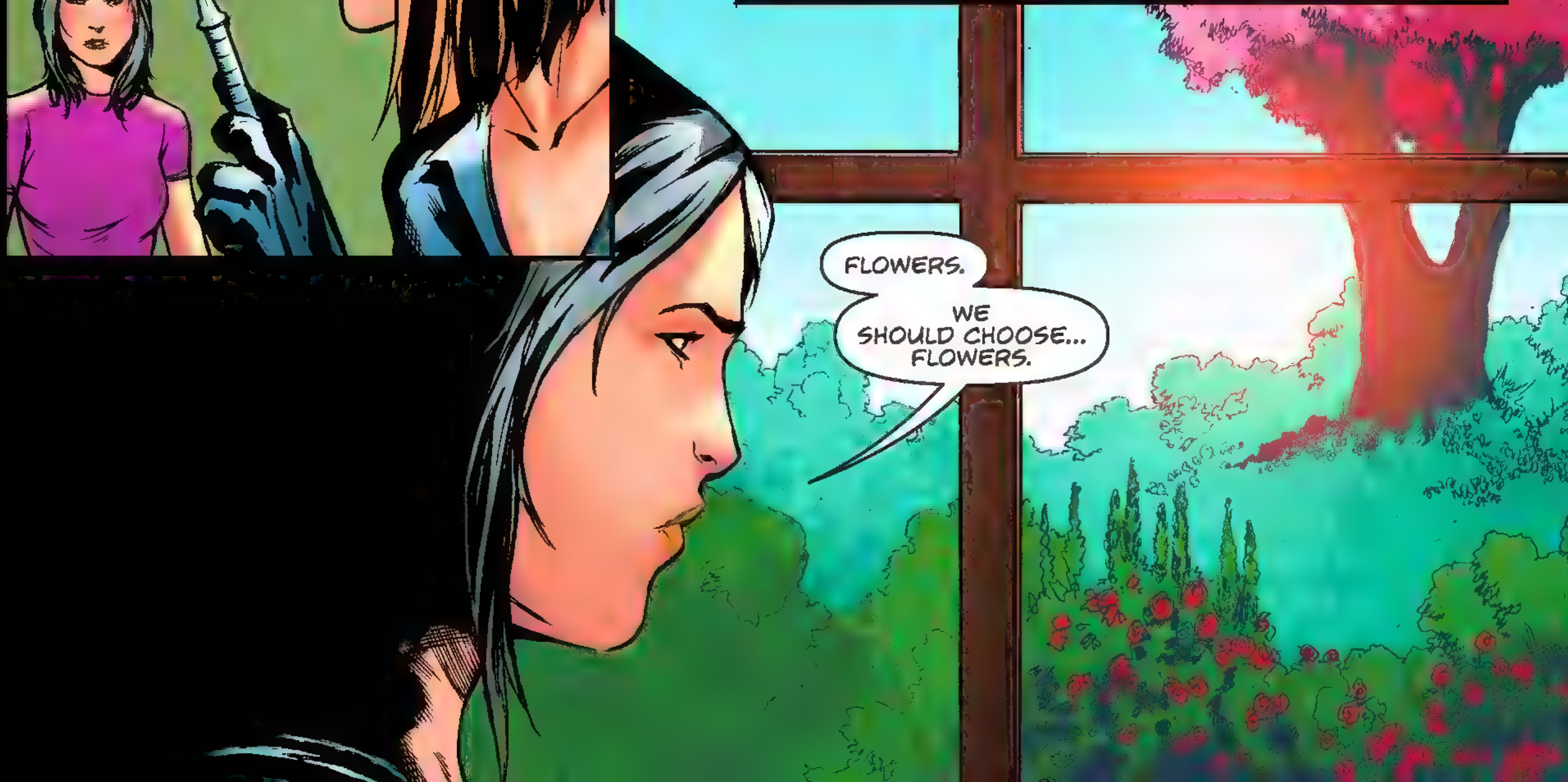
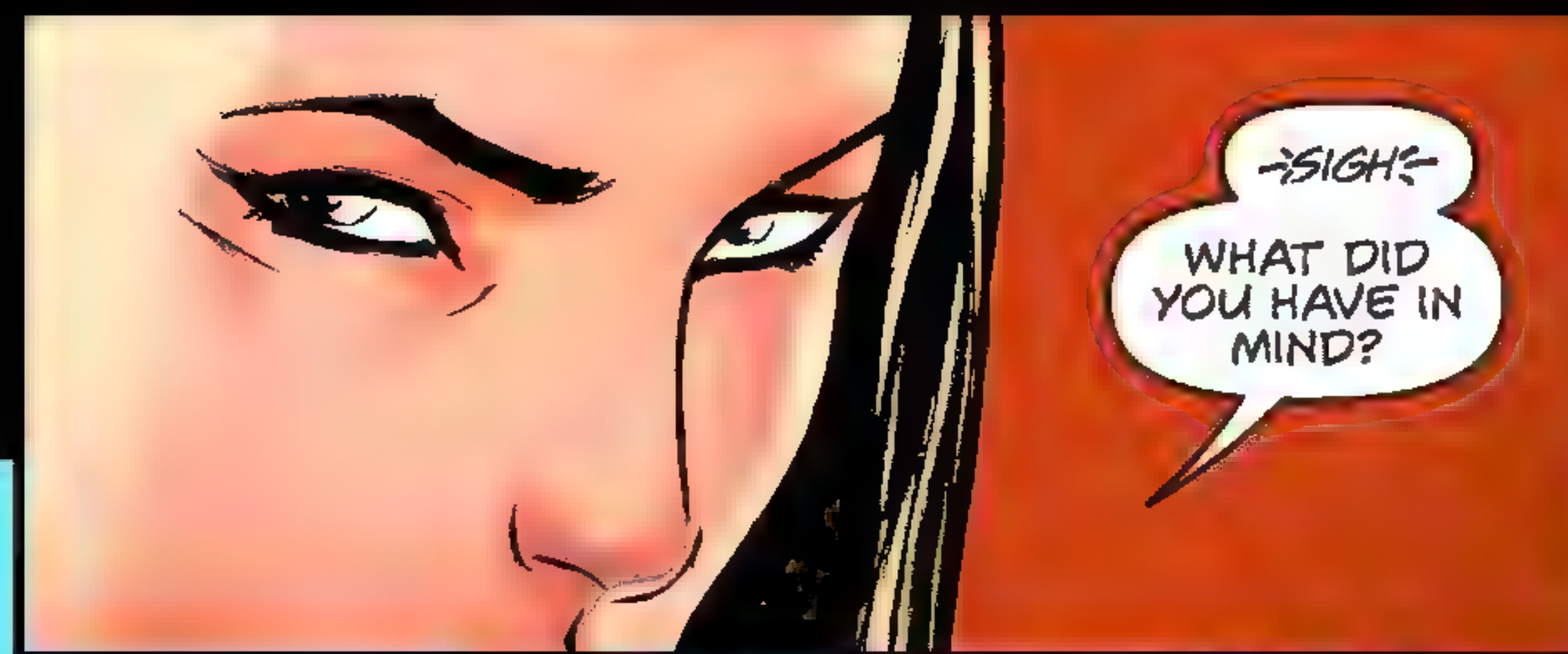
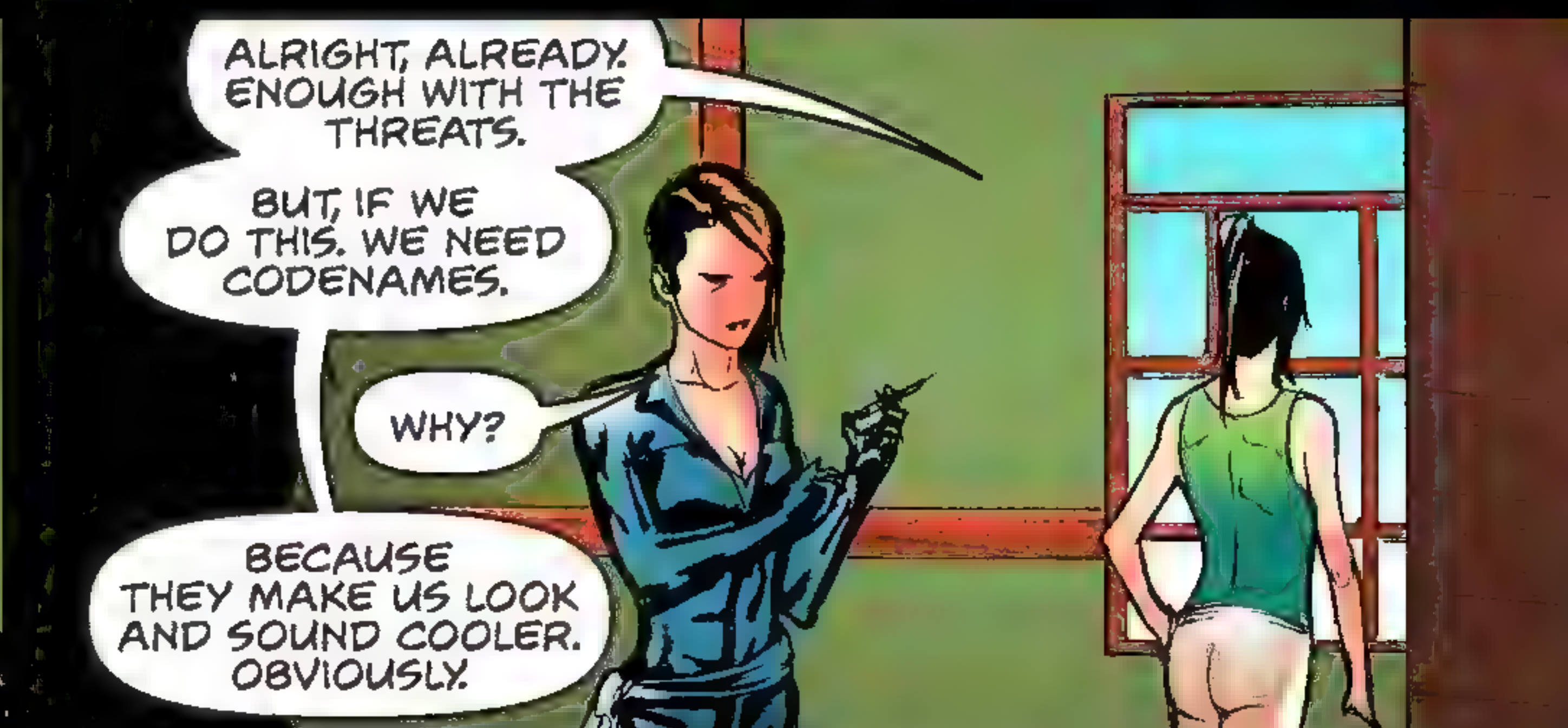
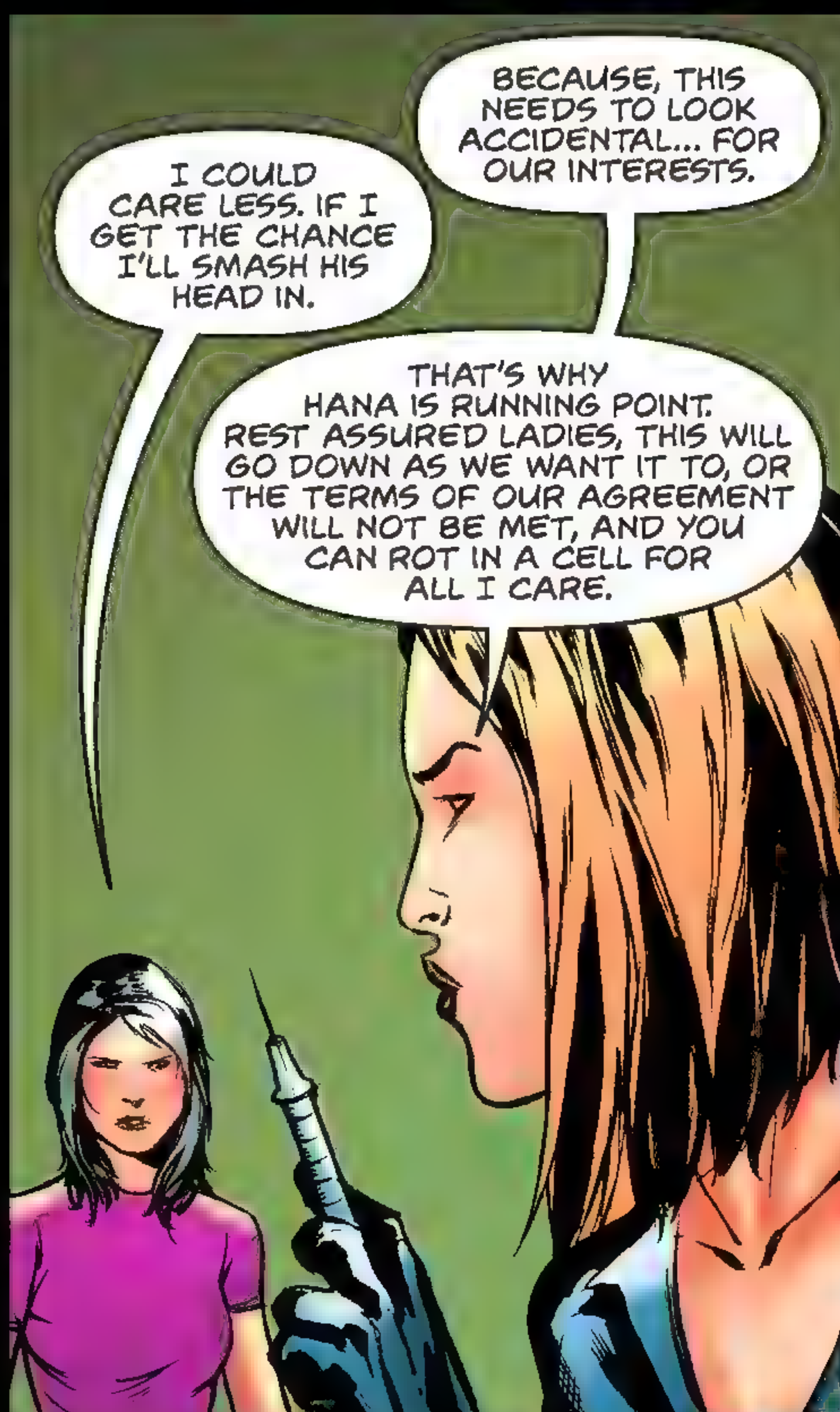
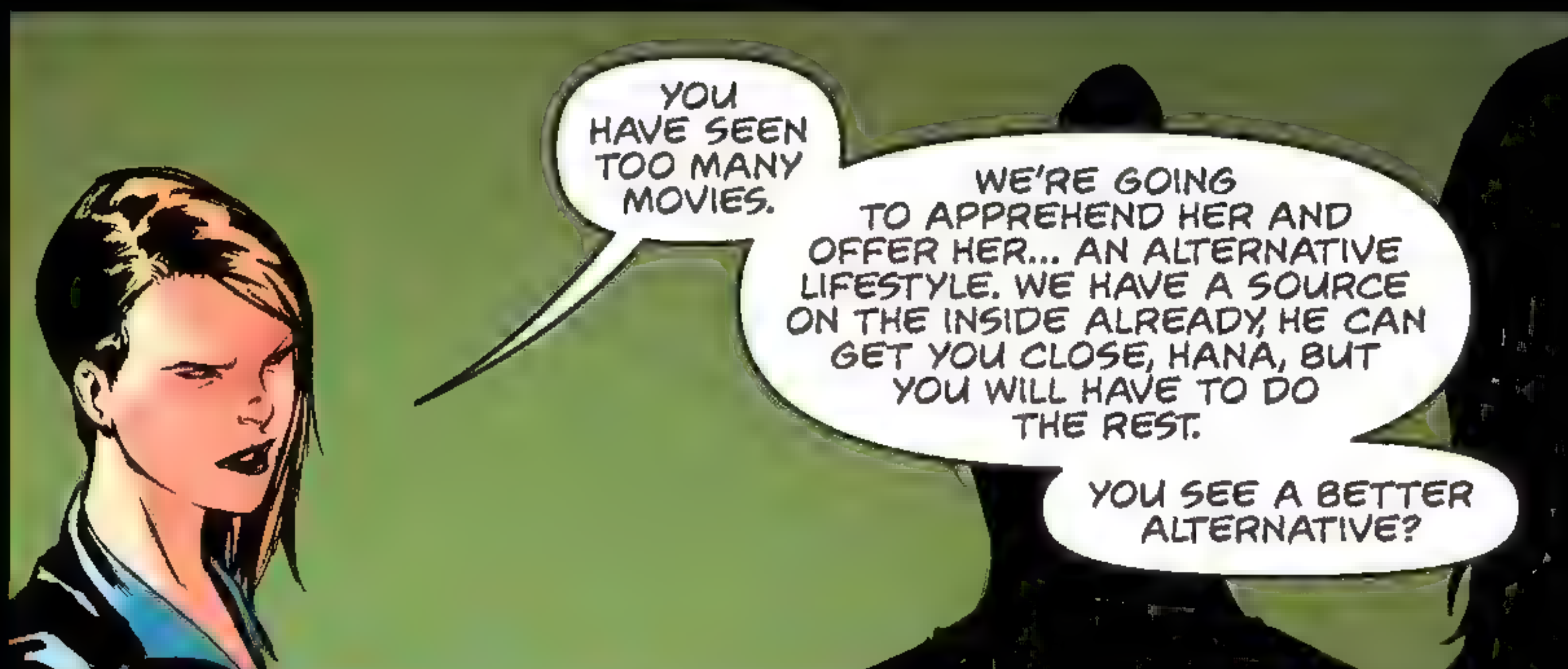
THE TRUTH IS THE WIFE IS SO DRUGGED BY GREED AND POWER, SHE GOES OUT OF HER WAY NOT TO ASK QUESTIONS.

I GIVE YOU HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. IN CHARGE OF HIS DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS. SHE IS A GORGEOUS WOMAN AS YOU CAN SEE--

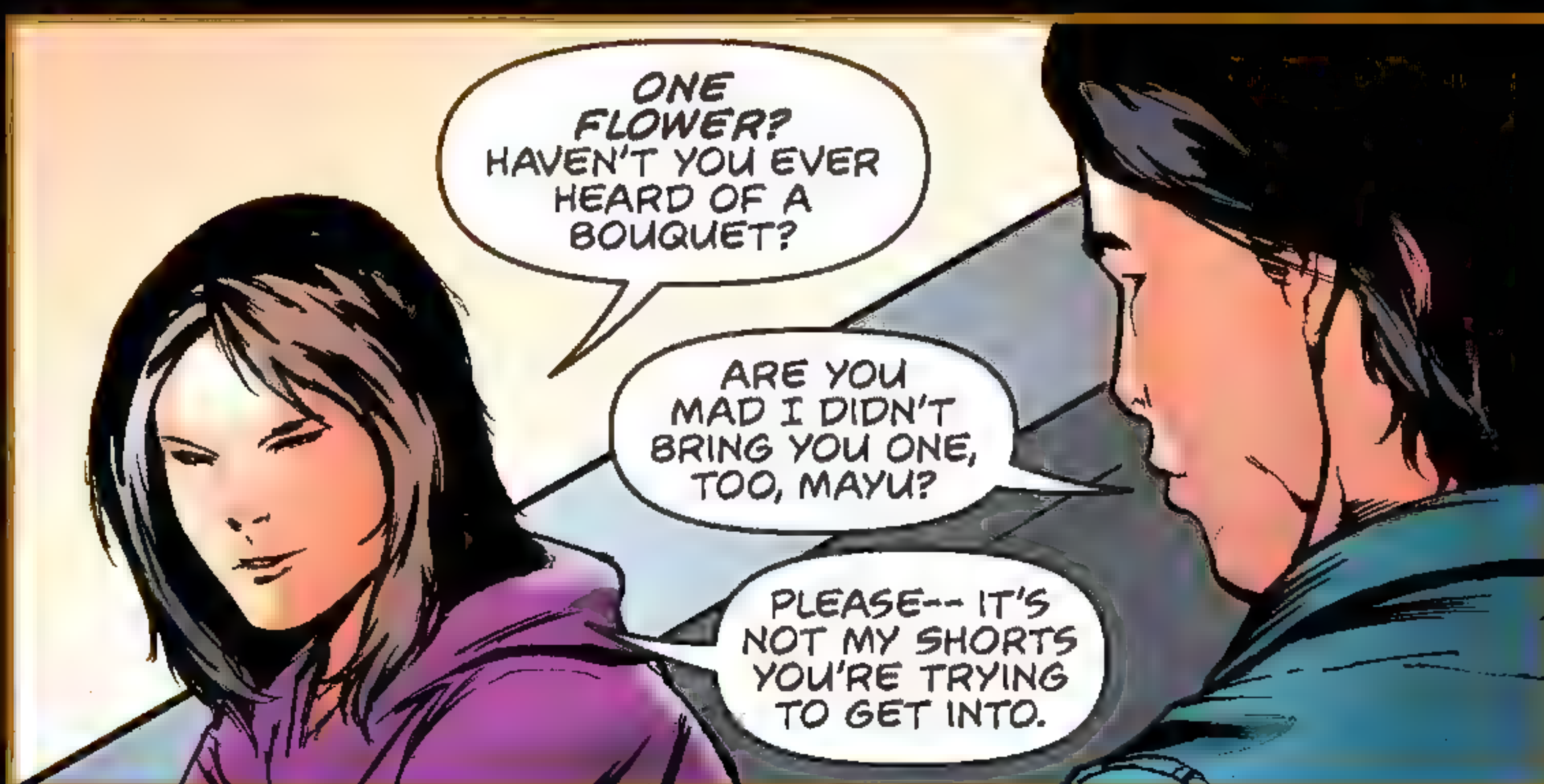


--AND WE ARE GOING TO... TAKE HER OUT. HANA YOU WILL MOVE IN AT THAT POINT.













I APOLOGIZE FOR MAYU. SHE'S ALWAYS PLAYING THE ROLE OF BIG SISTER.

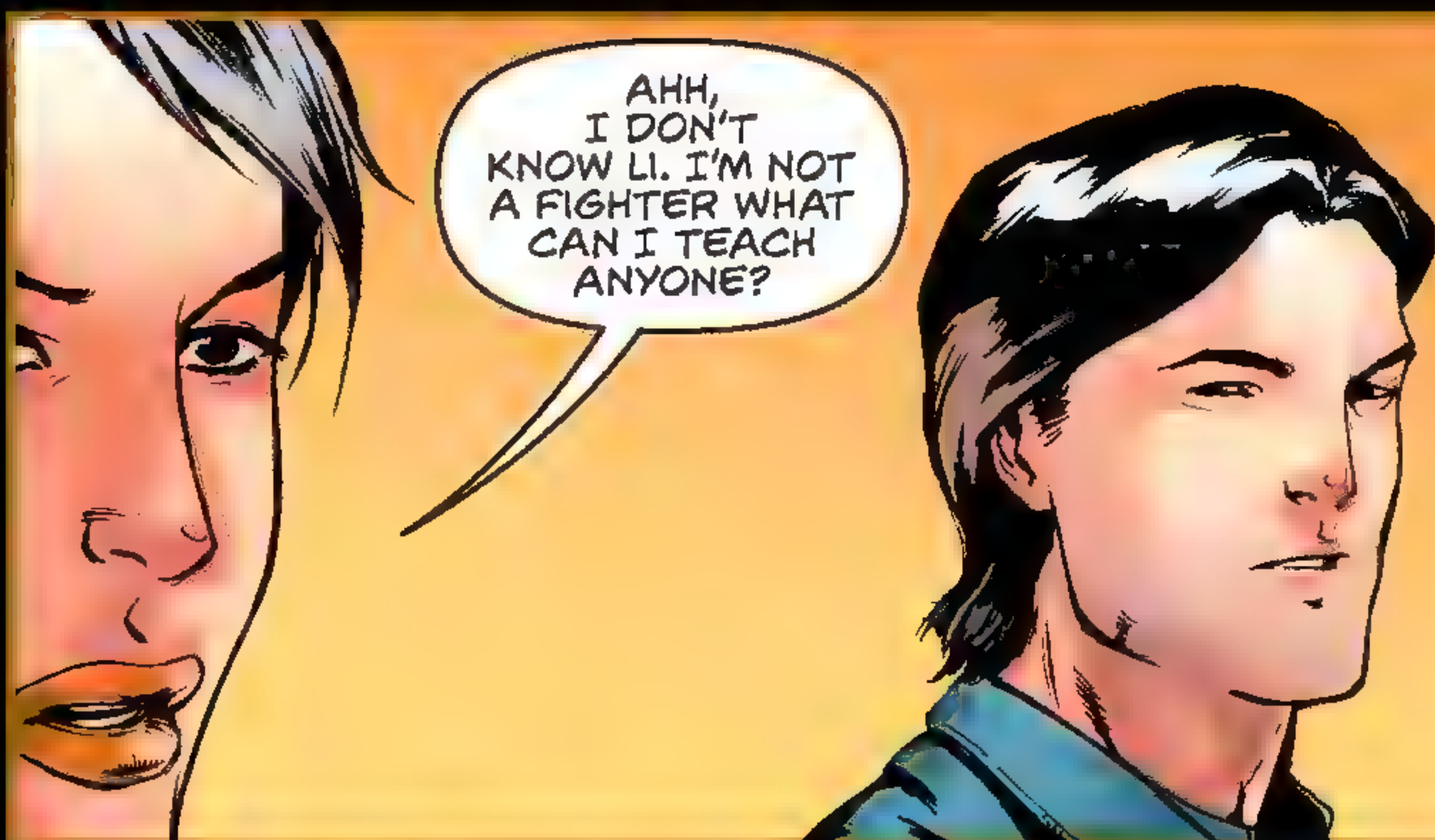
DON'T APOLOGIZE. IT'S A BLESSING TO HAVE SOMEONE LOOKING OUT FOR YOU LIKE THAT.



I LOOK OUT FOR YOU LIKE THAT.



I NEVER FORGET IT. LOOK, I'M NOT TRYING TO PRESSURE YOU OR ANYTHING. I WOULD NEVER DO THAT. BUT, IF YOU WON'T GIVE ME A SHOT IN THAT WAY, THEN AT LEAST TAKE ME UP ON MY OFFER TO RUN THE GYM?



AHH, I DON'T KNOW LI. I'M NOT A FIGHTER WHAT CAN I TEACH ANYONE?

THAT COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. YOU'RE THE STRONGEST WOMAN I KNOW. YOUR ENTIRE LIFE YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING-- AND DON'T TRY TO CONVINCE ME OTHERWISE. LOOK, I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL WITH TOO MANY OTHER BUSINESSES. I NEED SOMEONE I CAN TRUST. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THAT ONE PERSON.



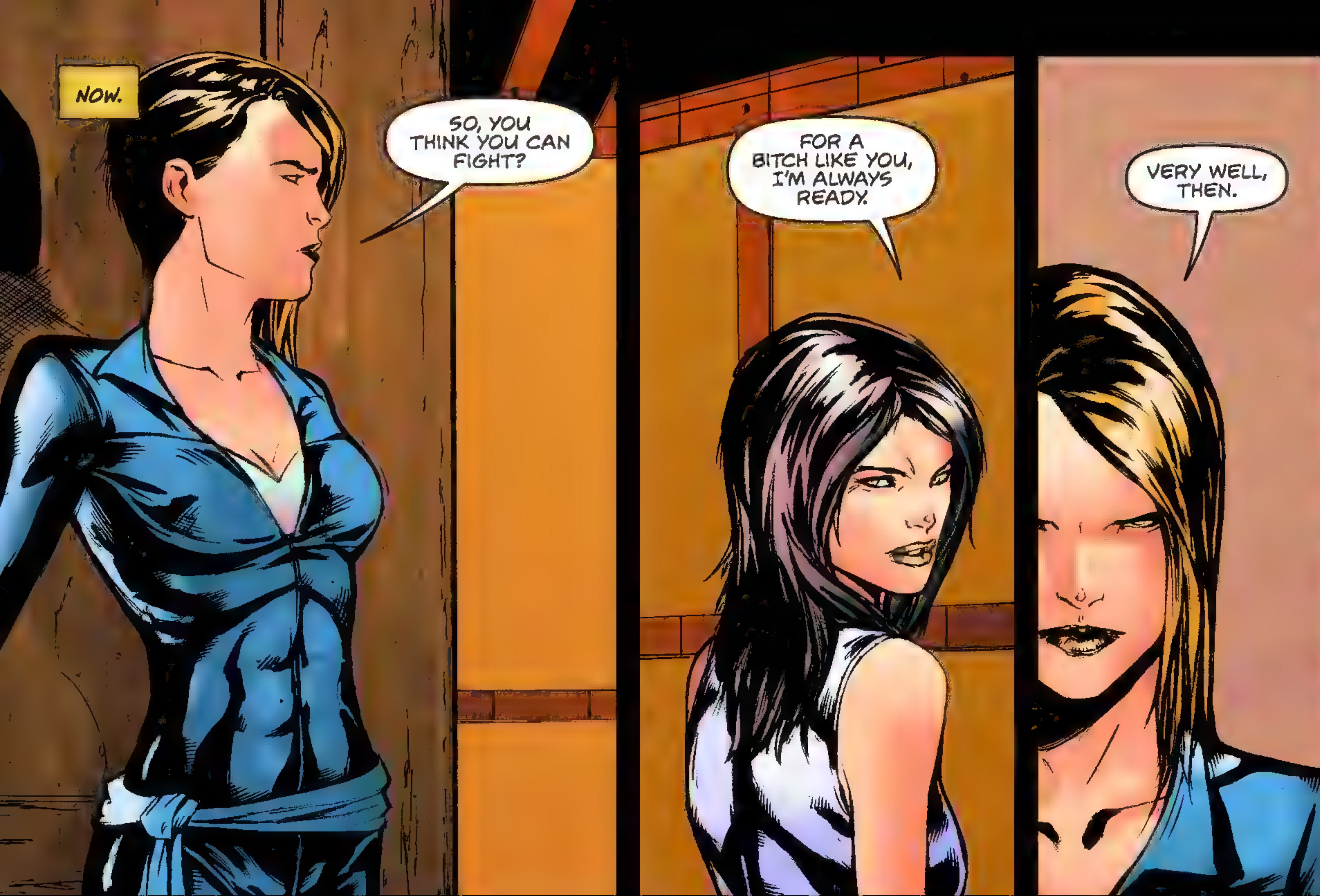
OKAY.

OKAY YOU'LL TAKE THE JOB?



OKAY TO ONE OF THOSE OFFERS... THE OTHER... WE'LL SEE.

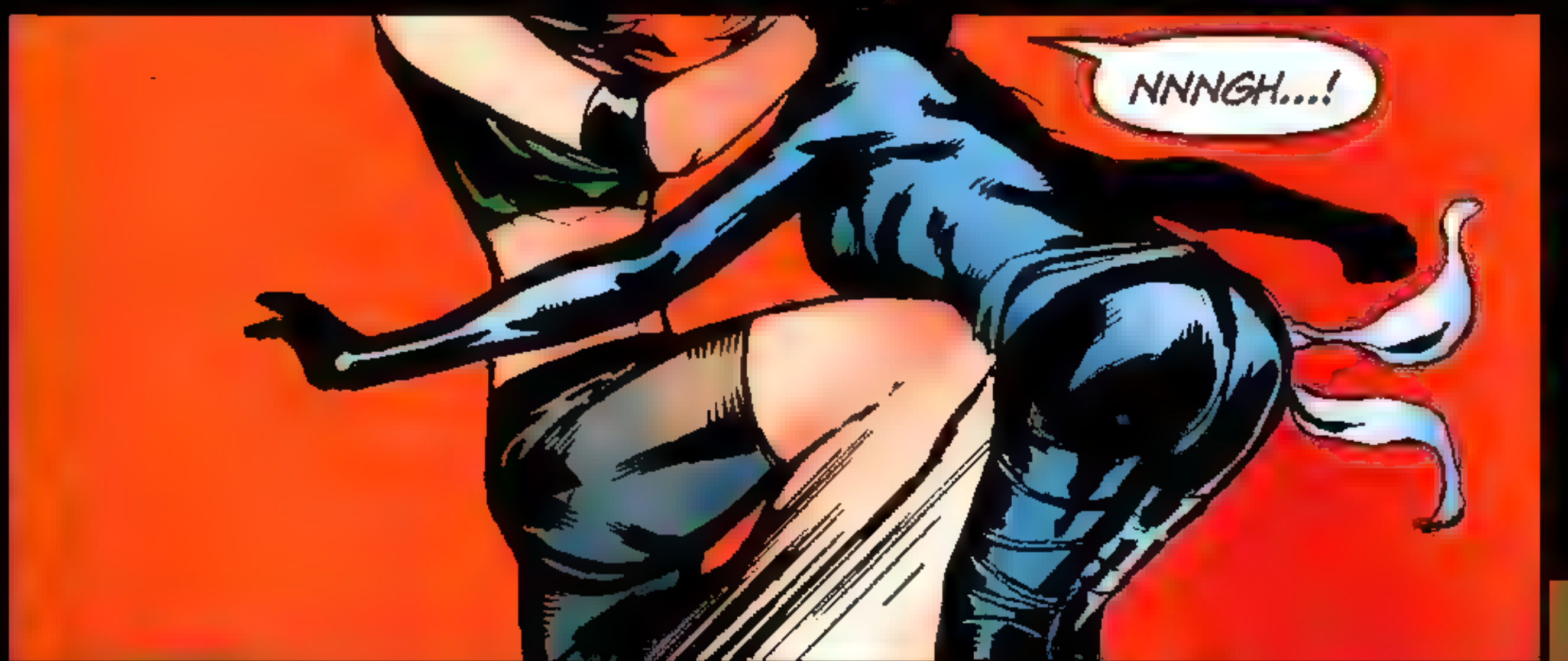














THWACK



BECAUSE I  
KNOW HOW TO  
DANCE, TOO.



THUD



THERE. NOW YOU  
KNOW I CAN FIGHT.  
WHAT DOES ANY OF  
THIS HAVE TO DO WITH  
PLAYING A SECRETARY  
OR INJECTING KANG  
IN HIS SLEEP?!



IT HAS  
EVERYTHING TO  
DO WITH IT.

YOU GIRLS  
ARE STRONG, YES.  
BUT, STRENGTH WILL  
ONLY GET YOU  
SO FAR.

YOU NEED  
DISCIPLINE!



TWO DAYS  
LATER.

SHE'S  
GONE?

TOUGH  
TO SAY, MR.  
KANG.

WE'VE  
BEEN CAUTIOUS  
BUT THERE'S NO TELLING  
WHAT SHE MIGHT'VE  
HEARD.

YOUR ENEMIES  
COULD SEEK TO  
EXPLOIT HER.

WE MUST  
PROCEED  
WITH MORE  
CAUTION.

CHOOSE  
OUR WORDS  
AND ACTIONS  
BETTER.

AND WE  
NEED TO FIND  
A MORE SUITABLE  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
FOR ME. SOMEONE  
LESS... ATTACHED  
TO SOCIETY, AS  
IT WERE.

CONSIDER  
IT DONE.





I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING. HIS SCHEDULE, HIS MEALS, WHAT CARTOONS HIS KIDS F\*\*KING WATCH. EVERYTHING.

PLEASE...

...WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!

ARE YOU F\*\*KING DEAF?! THE WOMAN JUST TOLD YOU WHAT SHE WANTS!



IT'S OKAY.. DANDELION, SHE WILL TALK.

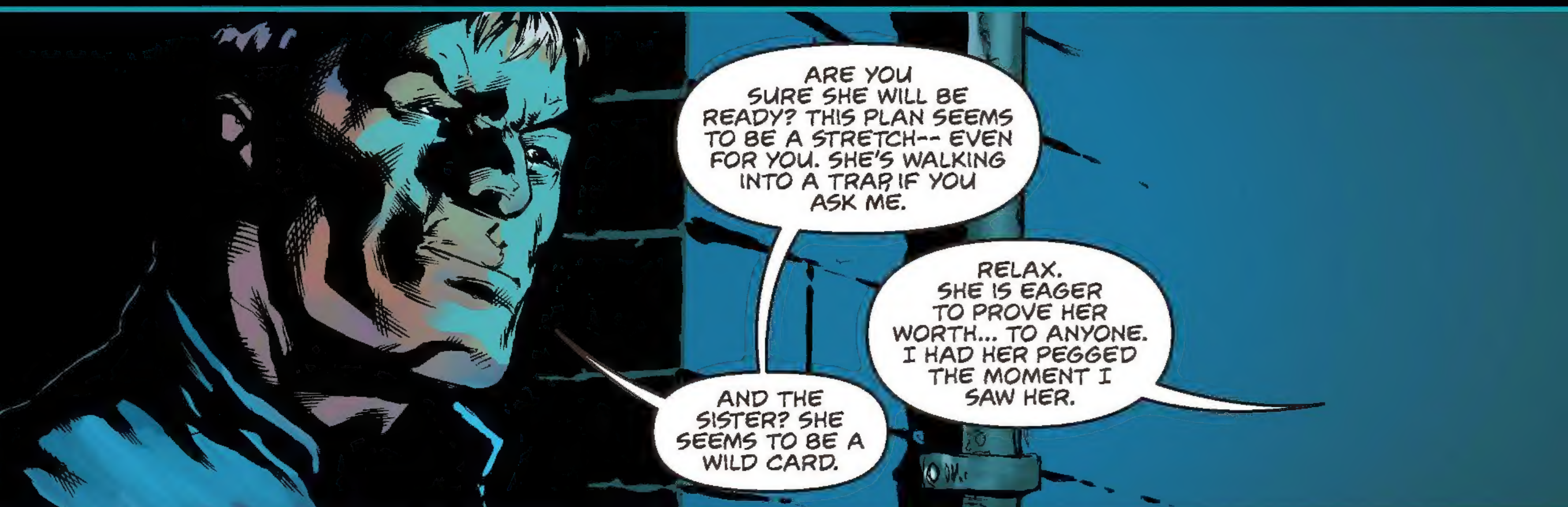


WON'T YOU? LOOK, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR AIDING AND ABETTING IN KANG'S CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE. THE QUESTION NOW IS HOW HELPFUL WILL YOU BE...

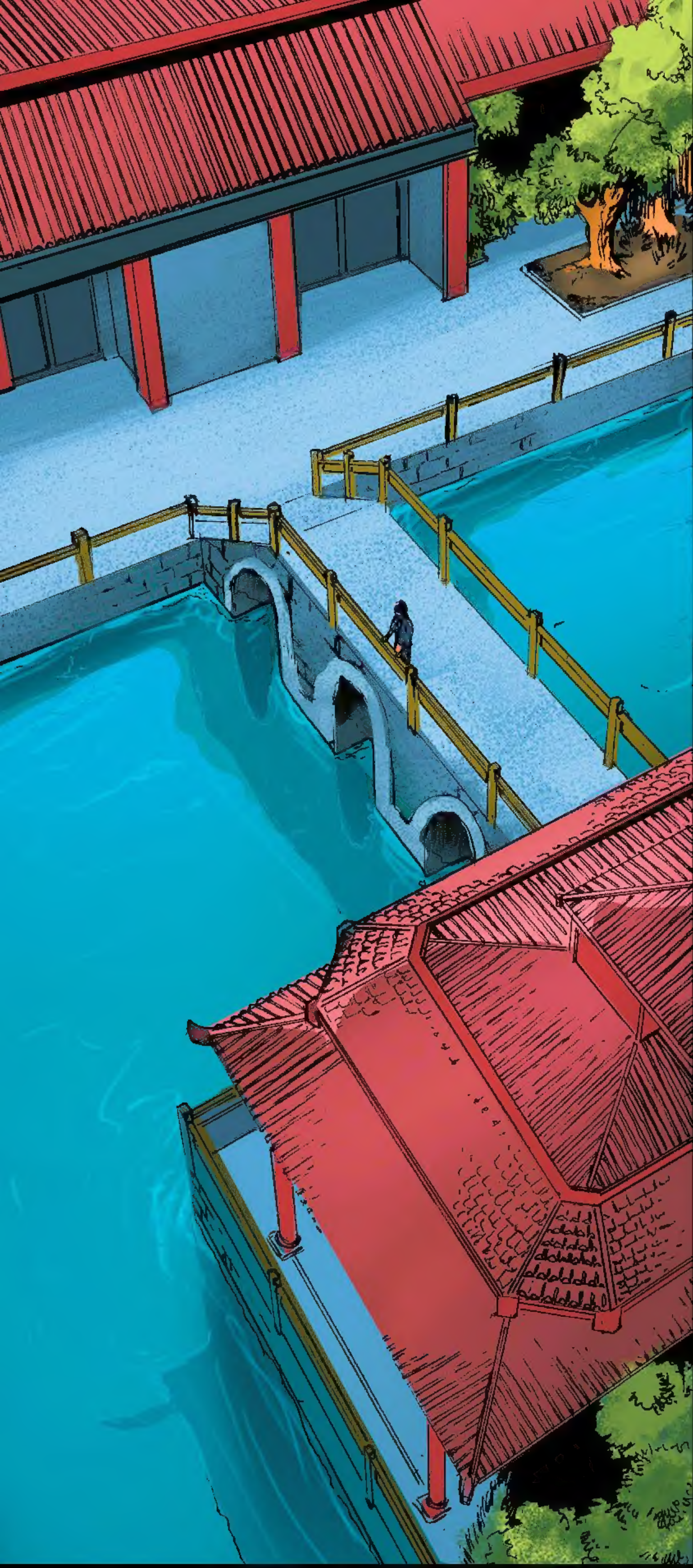


...AND HOW MUCH FORCE I WILL NEED TO EXPEL TO GET THAT HELP.







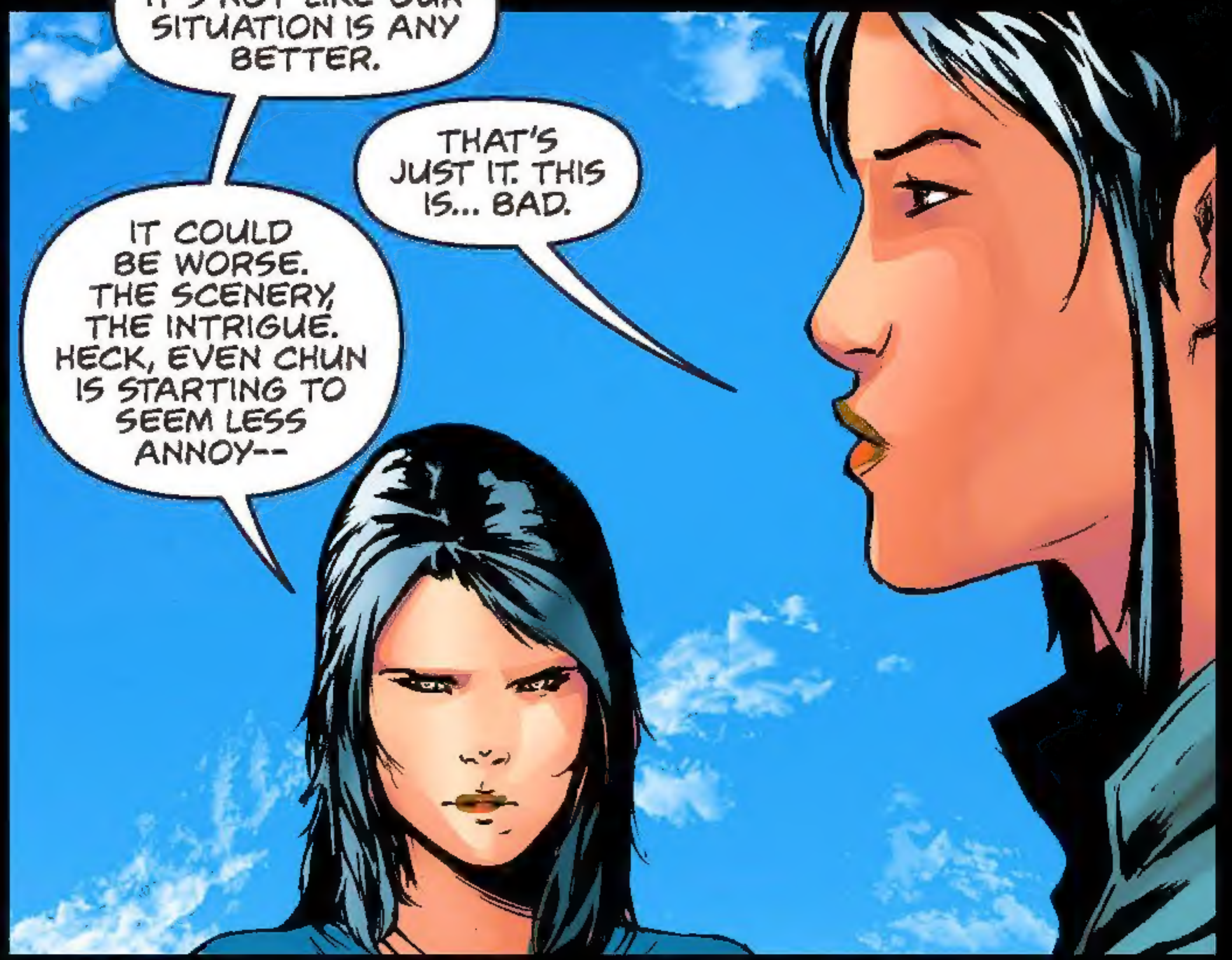


THERE YOU ARE.

THE ASSISTANT GAVE UP EVERYTHING, YOU PUT QUITE THE SCARE INTO HER.



POOR GIRL. SHE HAS NO PLAY IN THIS. IT'S NOT FAIR.



HEY-- IT'S NOT LIKE OUR SITUATION IS ANY BETTER.

THAT'S JUST IT. THIS IS... BAD.

IT COULD BE WORSE. THE SCENERY, THE INTRIGUE. HECK, EVEN CHUN IS STARTING TO SEEM LESS ANNOY--

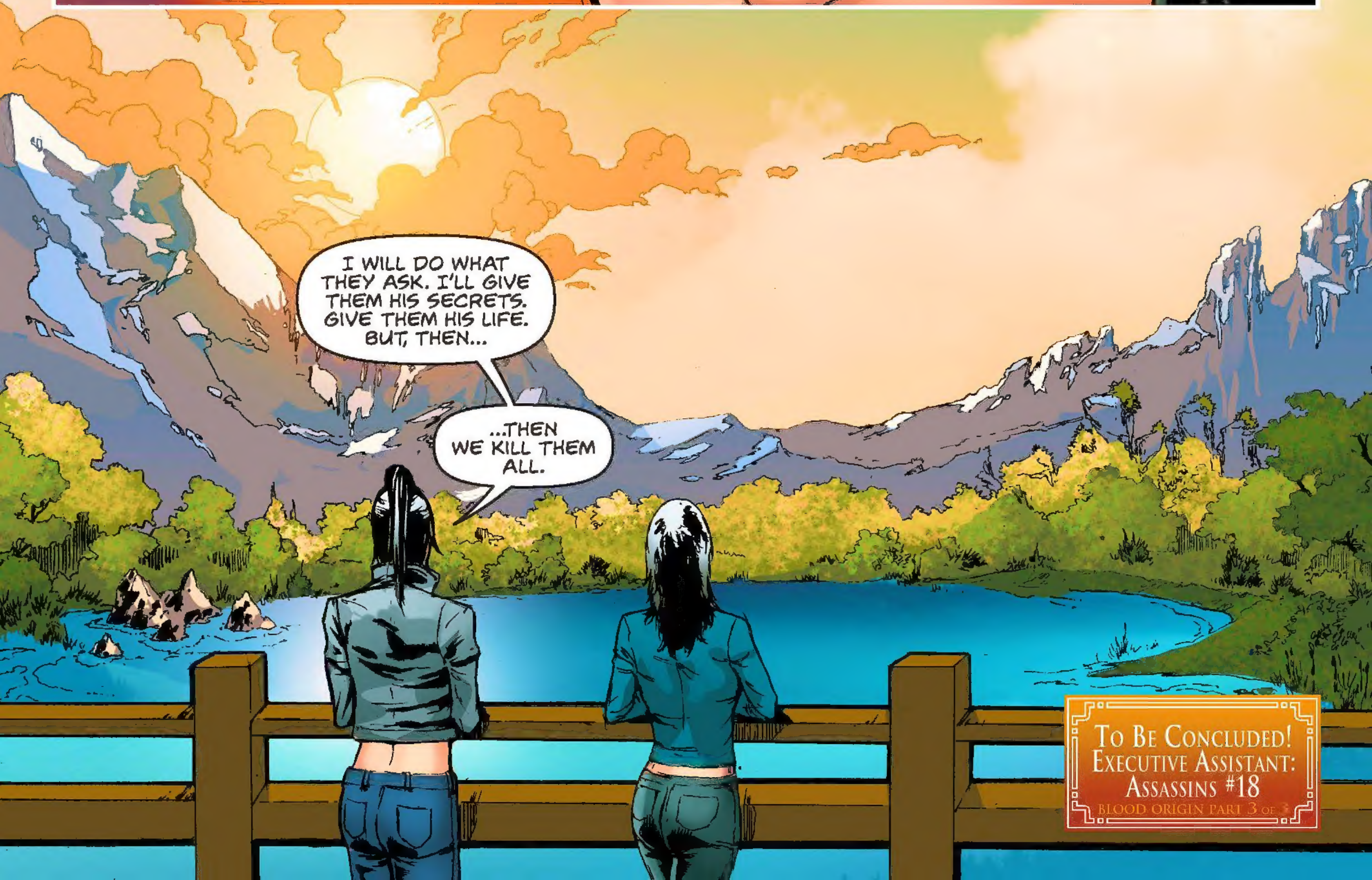
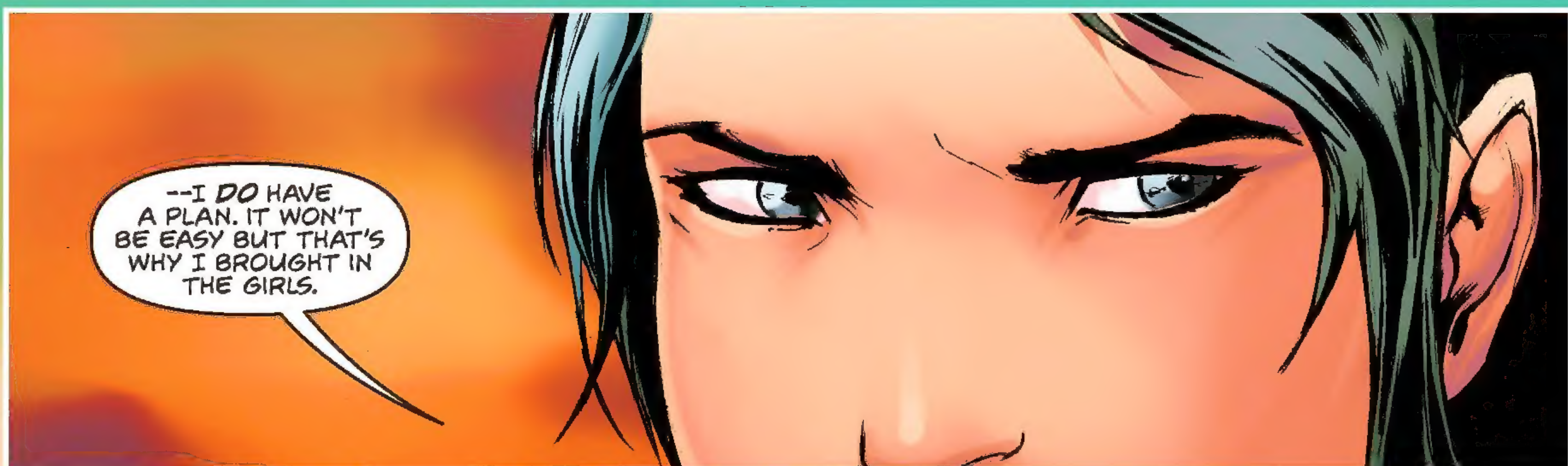
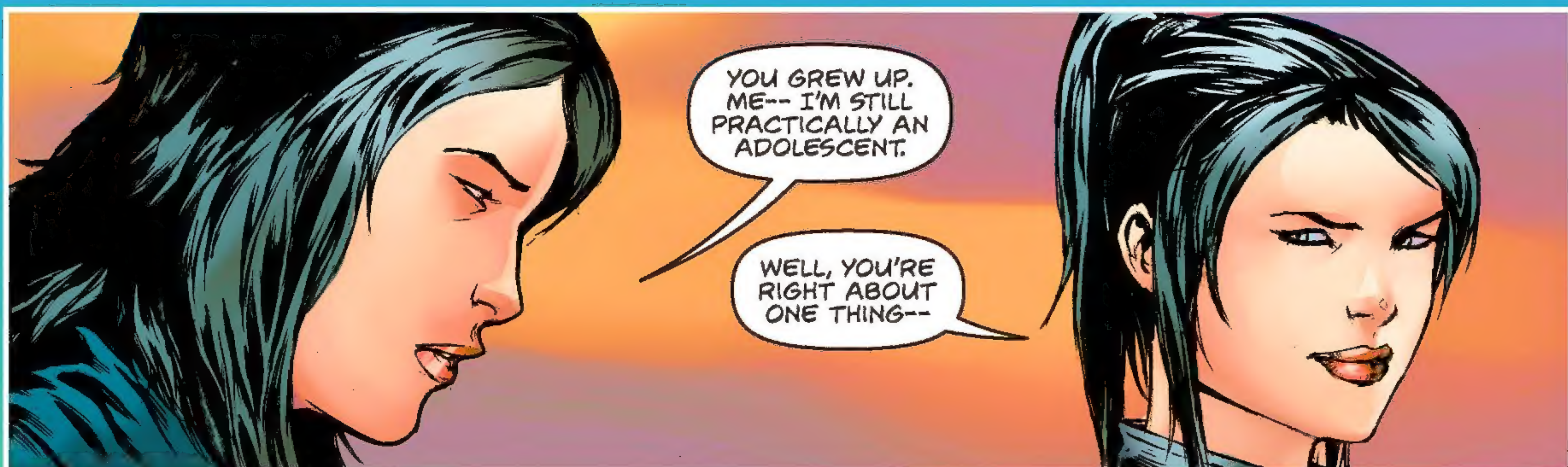
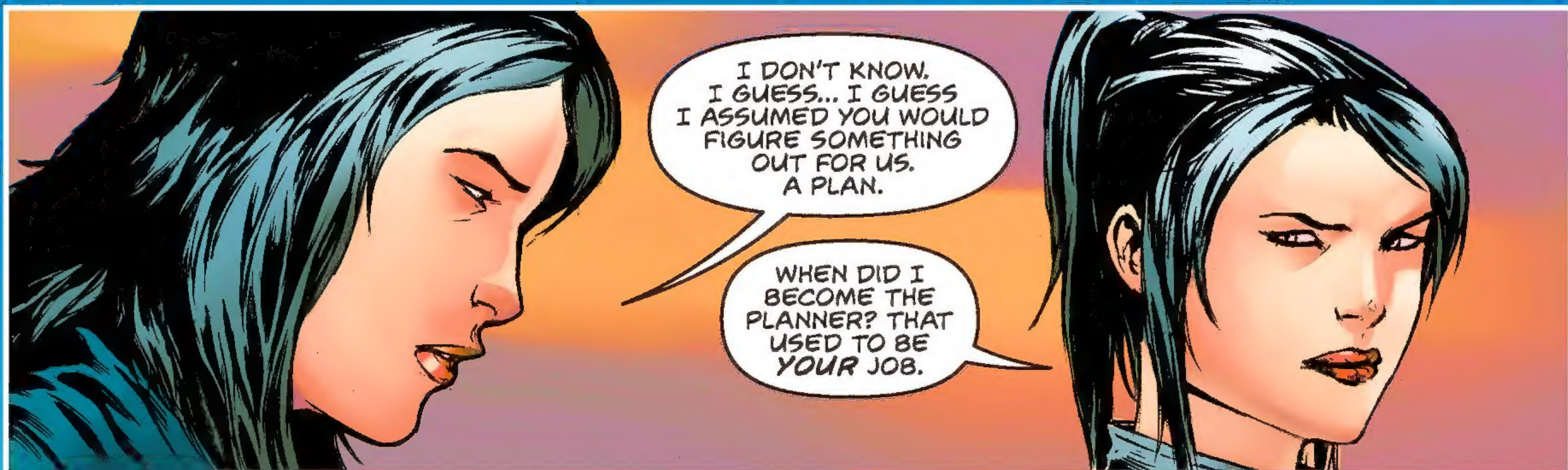


--THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM! YOU THINK EVERYTHING IS A GAME!



WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY PLAN TO DO WITH US AFTER ALL THIS? YOU THINK THEY'RE GONNA LET US LIVE IN PEACE?





TO BE CONCLUDED!  
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ASSASSINS #18  
BLOOD ORIGIN PART 3 OF 3



